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NICARAGUA.

Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *September 13, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following weekly report: Three steamships have been inspected and cleared for New Orleans, viz, the *Alabama*, *Condor*, and *Jno. Wilson.* They were all without passengers. Copies of certificates furnished masters are inclosed. One death has been reported in Bluefields for the week ended September 9—a native adult, of pyæmia, following abscess of knee joint. The health and sanitary condition of Bluefields continue good.

Respectfully, D. W. GOODMAN,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *September 10, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the weekly quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended September 8, 1900. I also inclose mortality statistics for the two weeks ended on the same date. There has been, during the week, slight change in the general health of Ponce and adjacent territory; the inclosed mortality report showing a decrease of 57 in the number of deaths. Nothing of special interest has happened among the shipping.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the two weeks ended September 8, 1900.

PONCE, P. R., *September 10, 1900.*

Infectious diseases:		Diseases of the circulatory system	4
Dysentery	12	Diseases of the respiratory system	3
Malarial fever	20	Diseases of the nervous system	2
Pernicious malarial fever	2	Other diseases (anæmia, inanition, etc.)	95
Tuberculosis	8		
Tetanus infantum	2	Total	255
Septicæmia	1		
Diseases of the digestive apparatus	106	Births during same period	42

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended September 8, 1900.

PONCE, P. R., *September 10, 1900.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended September 8, 1900. September 4, French steamship *Salvador*, from Fort de France and St. Thomas, with 4 immigrants.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.